

Employer ADVISOR



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THANKS to all of you, employers and tax preparers, who used our Web site last quarter. "If you build it they will come" not only applies to the 1989 hit movie *Field of Dreams*, it also applies to the Unemployment Contributions' Web site. One third of all new registrations are now completed through the internet. Within minutes, a new employer or tax preparer can obtain an account number and rate. If you need to notify us of a change of ownership, name, address, or telephone number, you can do so on-line and real-time.

"Thanks!"

Employers like on-line reporting

An even bigger hit was the ability to satisfy all of your quarterly reporting obligations on-line. Starting last quarter, wage lists, tax reports, and payments could be submitted quickly in a four-step process with the option of authorizing an electronic funds transfer (EFT) or submitting your payment with a coupon. Immediately after submitting your report, you can view your transaction, as well as all prior filings, on a reporting history screen. The popularity of internet reporting is evidenced by the results and comments received (see box at right). Over 2,600 employers, or 4.9%, filed their First Quarter 2002 report on-line; and 21% of those are authorizing EFT payments.

"I had so much fun filing all my clients' returns. I am so impressed with the Department of Workforce Services for creating this opportunity for us to file on-line. The step by step for filing is so simple that you don't realize how fast and easy it is."

Accountant and Payroll Specialist, Provo, Utah

"Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! Someone finally gets it! I love filing my unemployment insurance form on your website. The site worked, no errors, was efficient, was intuitive, and was relatively pain free, as pain free as filing payroll tax reports can be anyway!"

Business and Management Consultant
Boise, Idaho

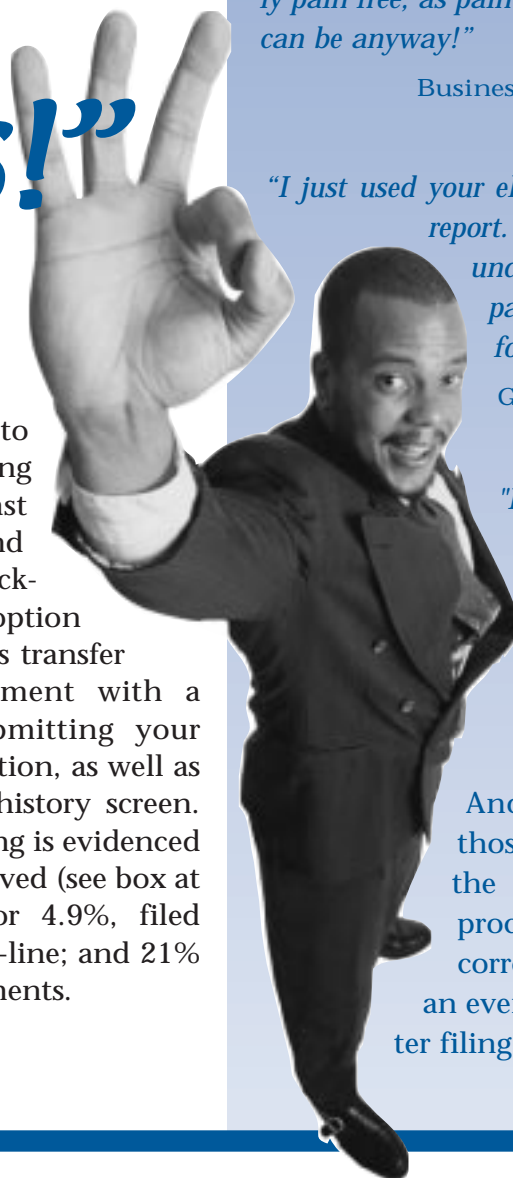
"I just used your electronic filing for my quarterly report. Wonderful! Simple to use and understand. We are a small company and this works really well for us. Thank you!"

Grounds maintenance company
South Ogden, Utah

"I did our first quarter report for unemployment insurance with EFT...great website! Great instructions! Very well done!"

Business service company
Salt Lake City, Utah

Another big THANK YOU to those who worked with us to get the last few "bugs" out of the process. These have now been corrected and we look forward to an even more efficient second quarter filing.

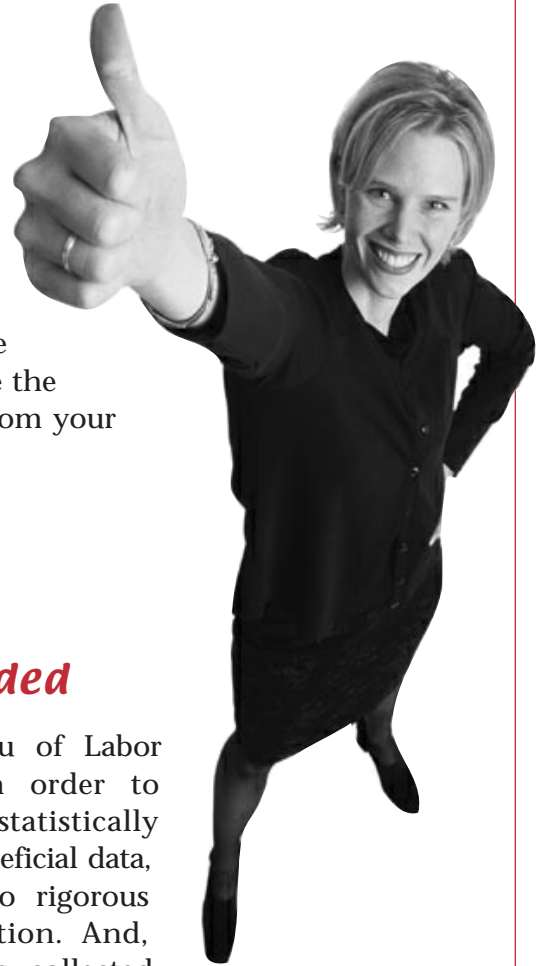


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What's New?

If you liked filing your First Quarter report on-line on the internet, you'll love what's waiting for you July 1 when you file your Second Quarter. The process will take even less time and effort because the Social Security Number and name of each employee reported last quarter will appear on the form. The first 5 digits of the SSN will be masked as an added security feature. You'll only have to enter the wages, add new employees, and delete employees no longer on your payroll. And even if you didn't use the on-line process last quarter, the information will still be there from your paper wage list.



STOP!

Workforce Information Survey Still Needed

Don't throw that green booklet away! Remember the survey you received from us that you didn't feel like completing? (It was a green booklet filled with occupations and descriptions.)

We need your data! Your response is the only way we can accurately report to you what you do for us. We need a 75% response rate from the sample to give you statistically valid data. Please respond if you haven't already.

The data from last year's survey is posted on our Web site at:

<http://wi.dws.state.ut.us>

This survey is a cooperative agreement between the states and the United States Department of

Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. In order to bring you statistically valid and beneficial data, we adhere to rigorous data collection. And, since data is collected from all states, a virtual wealth of information is available. You can access this nationwide data conveniently from the Bureau's Web site at stats.bls.gov.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call (801) 526-9463 or (801) 526-9786.

••• RECOGNITION •••

The Department of Workforce Services' Unemployment Insurance Contributions Division is the first Utah state agency to enable employers to conduct 100% of their business on-line. The State's Chief Information Officer recently recognized the division's efforts by presenting them the 2002 CIO Award for E-Gov Outreach.